

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 5/15/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Oconee County Resident Survey on Tourism

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Oconee County PRT, in cooperation with the Westminster Chamber Visioning process and Clemson University Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, would like to initiate a Resident Survey on Tourism as part of acquiring information to begin a long range Tourism Action Plan. Clemson University Doctorate Student Jason Draper, under the supervision of Dr. Bill Norman will be conducting the study, which includes the following research objectives:

1. To assess residents' ratings of Oconee County attributes
2. To measure Oconee County residents' general understanding and attitude toward Tourism.
3. To assess Oconee County residents' acceptance of Tourism development options.
4. To identify Oconee County residents' preferred vision for Tourism in Oconee County.

The study will include a random mailing list of 2500 surveys approved by the Parks and Tourism Committee, as well as the Westminster Visioning group. Clemson University will compile the data and present the information back to us in useable form to move forward in the long range planning process. Dr. Bill Norman and Jason Draper attended the recent Economic Development Summit to gain a better understanding of the type of questions they will need to include in the study.

The next step beyond this in the long range process will be the Visitor profile and survey, which we are in conversations now with Clemson University PKTM on how we can continue to use them as a resource in gathering data.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The information collected and compiled by Clemson University can be used not only for Oconee County PRT to look at long range plans, but also with any long range processing that other groups in the county are working on.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Use of \$5,000 from the 25% Local Accommodations Tax Funds to partner with a \$2500 Heritage Corridor Grant acquired by the Westminster Chamber to complete this project. The Parks and Tourism Commission approved this request as a recommendation to County Council by unanimous vote on April 26, 2007.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This request is for \$5,000 from the 25% Local Accommodations Tax fund. A Heritage Corridor grant of \$2500 is also being used to complete the budget of \$7500 for the project.

ATTACHMENTS:

Clemson University Proposal

Submitted or Prepared By:

Approved for Submittal to Council:

Department Head/Elected Official

Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

County Attorney

Finance

Other grants

C: Clerk to Council

Oconee County Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Oconee County Resident Survey

Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management
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Introduction and Overview

Local governments and organizations frequently consider tourism development as an economic engine, either through initiating tourism or continued development of existing tourism infrastructure and marketing efforts. The goal is often increased visitors and expenditures that result in increased tax revenue and jobs for community residents. However, to be effective local government and organizations should consider the views of their constituents when considering tourism development.

Problem Statement and Research Objectives

Local governments and organizations face potential challenges when considering tourism development. For example, local governments and organizations may promote tourism development but concurrently be required to monitor or regulate growth (Madrigal, 1995). In addition, local governments and organizations represent the residents of the community who may have varying reactions or perceptions of the role of tourism in their community. Therefore, local governments and organizations can greatly benefit and plan for sustainable tourism development by considering residents' understanding of and preferred vision of tourism in their community. Past research has identified various segments or clusters of residents based on their views of tourism and tourism development. For example, Fredline and Faulkner (2000) identified five clusters ranging from 'haters' to 'lovers'. Research has also shown that perceptions and attitudes toward tourism and tourism development are dependent on factors such as length of residence in the community, economic reliance on tourism and degree of tourism development in the community (Allen, Hafer, Long, & Perdue, 1993). Therefore, governments considering tourism development should gain an understanding of residents' vision of tourism and tourism development in their community to appropriately plan and implement tourism development policies. Andercreek and Vogt (2000) suggest community residents' acceptability of the level of tourism development is critical to successful and sustainable tourism development.

The proposed research has four primary research objectives:

1. To assess residents' ratings of Oconee County attributes.
2. To measure Oconee County residents' general attitude toward tourism.
3. To determine Oconee County residents' acceptance of tourism development options.
4. To identify Oconee County residents' preferred vision for tourism in Oconee County.

Proposed Project Methodology

The participants in the study will consist of residents of Oconee County, South Carolina. The names and addresses of participants can be obtained through a few possible sources. The most effective might be to obtain names and addresses from voter registration or utility billing. Another method is to purchase a list from www.usadata.com or other mailing list vendor. Purchasing a list from such a source carries a higher risk of including outdated information. Therefore, the ideal list will come from a source such as voter registration or utility billing. The

list will need to be cleaned to ensure one person per household, especially if the list is from voter registration.

The proposed survey methodology includes a series of mailings to households in Oconee County following a modified Dillman (2007) methodology. The mailings will request the survey instrument be completed by an adult resident of the household. The first mailing will include a letter, survey instrument and business reply envelope. The second mailing, a postcard, will occur one week after the survey is sent to serve as a reminder for those who have not responded and thank you for those who have responded. Two weeks after the postcard reminder another letter, survey instrument and business reply envelope will be sent to those who have not responded. Multiple mailings are encouraged to increase response rate and provide sufficient opportunity for residents to respond (Dillman, 2007). Depending on financial constraints the methodology can be altered. However, at least 382 responses is recommended to ensure a confidence level of 95% with a margin of error of \pm or $-$ 5 for the data can be assured.

The mailings could be conducted through one of two modes. While the Clemson University research team will compile mailings, the delivery and return of responses could either go through Clemson University to ensure residents of confidentiality or through the Oconee County Tourism Development Committee. In addition, letterhead and envelopes will depend on which office or system is utilized. Responses will be entered into a Microsoft Access database designed by the Clemson University research team and data analysis will be conducted using SPSS.

The research team recommends that the final survey questions be developed in coordination with the Oconee County Tourism Development Committee and other interested parties to ensure agreement on the questions asked. However, the Clemson University research team will be responsible for designing and modifying the actual document.

Deliverables

Deliverables associated with this project will include a research report prepared by the research team. The research report will include survey results and findings. Further analysis of the results and findings may include segmentation analysis of residents' based on their view of tourism in the community. The Clemson research team will also prepare a presentation to present to the Oconee County Tourism Development Committee and interested organizations.

In addition, the Clemson University research team requests permission to allow the Clemson University research team to pursue publishing academic articles and conference proceedings based on the project and data collected. Of course, the report will be completed prior to pursuing publishing and conference proceedings and presentation opportunities.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Resumes

William C. Norman, Ph.D.

Education

1995 Ph.D., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Division of Recreation, Park and Leisure Studies

Position

Associate Professor, Recreation, Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina. August, 1995 to present.

Selected Research

2005-06, South Carolina Marine Recreational Fishing Needs Assessment for Prioritizing Extension/Outreach and Research, South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium, \$10,000. Co-Principal investigators: William C. Norman and Laurie Jodice.

2005-06, Economic Impacts of a proposed Velodrome in Rock Hill, South Carolina, \$5,000. Rock Hill Dept of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, \$5,000. Co-Principal Investigators: William C. Norman and Mark S. Henry.

2004-06, A Study of the Economic Impact of the MCI Heritage, Heritage Classic Foundation, \$48,340. Principal Investigator: Sheila J. Backman, Co-investigators: William C. Norman, Kenneth F. Backman, Robert Brookover and Mark Henry

2003-05, Santee-Cooper Fishing Tourism Marketing Study, Recreation Boating and Fishing Foundation and Santee-Cooper Country, \$28,000. Co-Principal Investigators: William C. Norman, Laurie Jodice, Gerard Kyle and Alan Marsinko (Department of Forestry).

2003-04, Shrimp and Culinary Tourism, Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation, \$41,000. Co-Principal Investigators: Laurie Jodice, Johnny MacGregor (Department of Food Science) and Marge Kondrasky (Department of Food Science).

2003-04, Shrimp and Tourism, Marine Fisheries Resources (NOAA), Part of the \$400,000 for the Clemson University South Carolina Shrimp Fishery Assistance project, \$50,000. Co-Principal Investigators: William C. Norman Laurie Jodice.

2003-04, Lower Berkeley County Nature-based Tourism Marketing Study, Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, \$16,759. Co-Principal Investigators: William C. Norman and Kenneth F. Backman.

2001-03, A comprehensive analysis of the current and potential economic impact of sport tourism in South Carolina, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, \$80,000. Co-principled Investigators: William C. Norman, Mark S. Henry and R. Don Rice.

Jason Draper

Education

- Current - Ph.D. Student, Clemson University – Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management
Applicant for Certificate in Policy Studies from Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs
Emphasis: Tourism Policy
- 2000 - M.S., Western Illinois University – Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration
Emphasis: Tourism Administration
- 1998 – B.S., Illinois State University – Recreation and Park Administration
Emphasis: Commercial Recreation

Work Experience

- 2005-Present – Graduate Assistant, Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, Clemson University
- 2000-2005 – Research Manager, Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau

Professional Affiliations

- 2000-Present – Travel and Tourism Research Association
- 2004-2005 – Board of Directors, Censtates Chapter of Travel and Tourism Research Association

Conference Proceedings

- Draper, J., Shenoy, S., & Norman, W.C. (2006, March). *Segmenting agritourists: Implications for marketing and collaborative partnerships*. Paper presented at the Southeast Travel & Tourism Research Association's 2005 Tourism Research Symposium & Annual Meeting, Sarasota, Florida.

Technical and Research Reports

- Oh, C., Dixon, A., & Draper, J. (2006). *Visitor needs assessment and economic analysis at South Carolina beaches*. Report prepared for Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 132 pp. Clemson, SC: Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, Clemson University.

Sample Survey Questions

Oconee County Resident Survey – Spring 2007

Research Objective: To assess residents' ratings of Oconee County attributes.

Section 1. For each Oconee County attribute listed below, please first indicate the importance by circling a number on a scale of 1 – Not at All Important to 5 – Extremely Important. Next, please indicate your satisfaction with each Oconee County attribute by circling a number on a scale of 1 – Not at All Satisfied to 5 – Extremely Satisfied:

| | <u>Importance</u> | | | | | <u>Satisfaction</u> | | | | |
|--|----------------------|---|---------------------|---|---|----------------------|---|---------------------|---|---|
| | Not at All Important | | Extremely Important | | | Not at All Satisfied | | Extremely Satisfied | | |
| Physical Surroundings | | | | | | | | | | |
| General appearance of neighborhood | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Environmental cleanliness (air, water, soil) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Climate and weather | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Physical geography or terrain | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Roads and highways | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Leisure Opportunities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parks and open spaces | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Entertainment/recreation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Publicly funded recreation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Economic Conditions | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cost of living (food, clothing, utilities) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Job opportunities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Housing (cost and availability) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Shopping facilities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Community Involvement and Support | | | | | | | | | | |
| Citizen influence into community decisions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A feeling of community pride | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Helpful neighborhood atmosphere | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Friendly and reliable neighbors | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Oconee County Resident Survey – Spring 2007

Research Objective: To measure Oconee County residents' general understanding and attitude toward tourism.

Section 2. According to your general understanding of tourism, please indicate your agreement by circling a number on the scale of 1 – Strongly Disagree to 5 – Strongly Agree for each of the following:

| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|---|----------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| Economic | | | | | |
| Tourism increases real estate costs | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Tourism increases property taxes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Tourism improves the local economy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Tourists should pay lodging tax | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Tourists should pay more to visit parks | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Quality of Life | | | | | |
| Tourism increases residents' quality of life | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Tourism increases crime | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Tourism reduces the quality of outdoor recreation opportunities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Tourism increases recreation opportunities for locals | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Tourism increases traffic problems | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Ordinary people do not benefit from tourism in their community | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I would benefit from tourism development in Oconee County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Benefits of tourism outweigh negative consequences | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Government and Development Policy | | | | | |
| Government should control tourism development | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I am happy with tourism planning in Oconee County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Nonresidents should develop tourism attractions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Government should restrict tourism development | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Oconee County should attract more tourists | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Physical Surroundings/Environment | | | | | |
| Tourism improves appearance of an area | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Tourism has a negative impact on the environment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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Research Objective: To determine Oconee County residents' acceptance of tourism development options.

Section 3. Please indicate your acceptance of the following tourism development options by circling a number on the scale of 1
 → Not at all Acceptable to 5 = Extremely Acceptable:

Not Slightly Quite Extremely
 Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable

Recreational Activities

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks and open spaces (<i>nature walking/biking trails</i>) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Outdoor recreation facilities (<i>disc golf, etc.</i>) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Sports facilities (<i>basketball courts, baseball fields, etc.</i>) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Retail/Commercial

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Retail shopping district | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Theme park | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Entertainment district | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Dining

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Local restaurants (<i>family owned/operated</i>) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Chain restaurants (<i>Ruby Tuesdays, Applebees, etc.</i>) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| High quality restaurants | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Diners/cafes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Bars/clubs | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Accommodations

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hotels | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Bed-and-breakfasts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Resorts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Campgrounds | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Unique Community Venues

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Museums | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Historic attractions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Cultural attractions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Performing arts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Special events/festivals | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Oconee County Resident Survey - Spring 2007

Research Objective: To identify Oconee County residents' preferred vision for tourism in Oconee County.

Section 4. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following visions for tourism in Oconee County by circling a number on a scale of 1 = Strongly Disagree to 5 = Strongly Agree:

| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|--|----------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| An Outdoor Recreation Destination | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A Gateway to the Chattahoochee | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A Cultural Destination | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A Historical Destination | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A Friendly Small Town | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A Festival and Celebration Destination | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A Progressive Community | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Oconee County Resident Survey – Spring 2007

Research Objective: To identify demographic attributes of Oconee County residents and assess the differences in other questions based on the demographic attributes.

Section 5: The following questions will help us plan tourism opportunities that fit the Oconee County community.

1. What is your zip code? _____
2. How many years have you lived in Oconee County? _____ Years
3. In your own words, why do you live in Oconee County?

4. What is your age? _____ Years
5. Are you: Female Male
6. What is your marital status? Single Married Divorced/Widowed Other
7. What is the makeup of fulltime residents in your household? (If zero, please write 0)
Number of children (under 18 years of age) _____
Number of adults _____
8. What is your approximate annual household income before taxes?
 Less than \$20,000 \$60,000 – 79,999
 \$20,000 – 39,999 \$80,000 – 99,999
 \$40,000 – 59,999 \$100,000 and Above
9. Which of the following is the highest level of education you have completed?
 Some high school or less
 High school graduate
 Some college/technical school
 College graduate
 Post graduate school
9. What is your current employment status? Full-time Part-time Retired Unemployed
10. Does anyone in your household work for any of the following tourism related businesses? (Check all that apply)
 Recreation facility
 Hotel/motel
 Campground/bed & breakfast
 Restaurant
 Bar/club
 Retail store
 Other, (please specify): _____
11. In the past five years have you owned or started your own business? Yes No (Go to question 14)
12. How often does your business target tourists as customers?
 Rarely Occasionally Sometimes Frequently Usually

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OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: May 15, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 p.m.

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Bid #06-22, 7000 Gallon Water Tanker Package Installed for the Rock Quarry

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

This conversion package will be installed on a County owned Terex TR35 off-road chassis. This new 7000 gallon tanker package will replace a 1975 Cline Back-Dump converted to a water truck in 2000 with a capacity of 5000 gallon.

BID SOLICITATION HISTORY:

On May 1, 2007, formal sealed bids were opened for this tanker package. Five companies were originally notified of this bid opportunity. Although the Procurement Office spoke with three of the five companies and had anticipated other bids, Diversified Fabricators, Inc. of Griffin, GA was the only company who submitted a bid.

Staff has reviewed this bid and believes the cost is reasonable and in line proportionally with a similar tanker package the County purchased in 2000.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Most parts for the 1975 Cline truck are obsolete and the current truck does not meet all MSHA and OSHA safety requirements. The 2000 Terex truck should have parts available for some time and does meet MSHA and OSHA requirements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Award bid # 06-22 to Diversified Fabricators, Inc. of Griffin, Georgia, for the amount of \$44,949.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

For FY 06-07, County Council approved \$50,000 (budget code 017-719-50870-00000) for the purchase and installation of the 7,000 gallon water tank package.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bid Tabulation

Submitted or Prepared By:


Marianne A. Dillard, Procurement Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

n/a County Attorney
 Finance
 Department

C: Clerk to Council

(B) Tanker Package 7000 Rock Quarry 06-22

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 5/15/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 pm**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

The Oconee County Sheriff's Department and Oconee County Emergency Management request approval to apply for the Department of Homeland Security's Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) FY 2007 grant.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The CEDAP grant is administered by the US Department of Homeland Security. This program supports the efforts of law enforcement and emergency responder agencies by assisting them in acquiring the specialized equipment and training they require to meet their homeland security mission.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

This grant will be used to acquire law enforcement and emergency services equipment and technology.

There is NO local match required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to apply for CEDAP grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Donation of equipment.

NO local match required.

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

Veronda Holcombe-Lewis

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

pel Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

Approved for Submittal to Council:

Tom Hendricks
Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 15, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 p.m.

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

RFP #06-25 Installation of Equipment in the SERT Van for the Sheriff's Office (Build out of 2005 step-type van to house command post for SWAT team)

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The current SERT van is a 1981 Chevrolet van, and is in need of being upgraded. In 2005, County Council approved the purchase of a 2005 Chevrolet Workhorse van for the purpose of building out the new van and retiring the 1981 van. However, at that time, funds were not appropriated for the build out of the van.

BID SOLICITATION HISTORY:

On April 24, 2007, formal sealed proposals were opened. Four companies were originally notified of this RFP opportunity. Two companies submitted proposals. The RFP Evaluation Committee members were Terry Wilson, David Smith, John Murray, Ken Washington, and Travis Tilson. After review of the proposals, the Evaluation Committee determined that Frontline Communications was non-responsive to the requirements of the RFP.

After the Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposals from Bickford and conducted a telephone interview, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend award to Bickford Vehicles (see Bid Tabulation and Drawings).

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The truck is also used to back up emergency communications and the 911 Center (with dispatching and tone-out capabilities) in the event of an emergency.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Award RFP #06-25 to Bickford Vehicles of Chamilly, VA for the amount of \$116,095.64.

The Evaluation Committee requests that the County not require a performance bond, as only one payment will be made to Bickford Vehicles after completion and acceptance of the work. Given these circumstances and the reputation of the Contractor, the Procurement Office concurs with the request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

County Council has approved the following funds:

\$13,800 (budget code 010-101-50870-50034) Sheriff's Office Vehicles/Equipment Capital *pal*
\$16,500 (budget code 010-104-50840-00000) Communications Equipment Capital *pal*
\$80,000 (budget code 012-104-50840-19050) Communications State Wireless *pal*

The Sheriff's Office has the following funds available:

\$ 5,795.64 (budget code 013-101-60401-00000) State DEA Funds
\$40,000.00 (budget code 013-101-60401-00155) Federal DEA Funds

\$116,095.64 Total Funds Available

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bid Tabulation
2. Drawings (2)

Submitted or Prepared By:


Marianne A. Dillard, Procurement Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

 n/a County Attorney

 pd Finance: *for items as outlined under the*
Annual Impact Section.

 TWJ Department

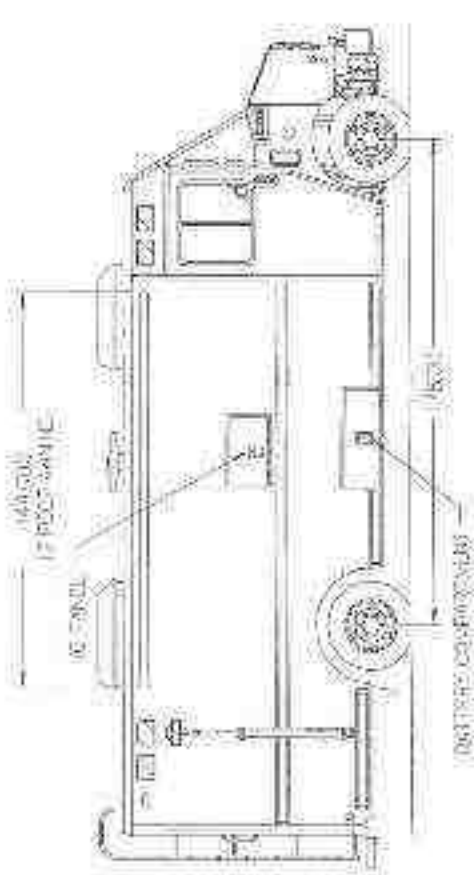
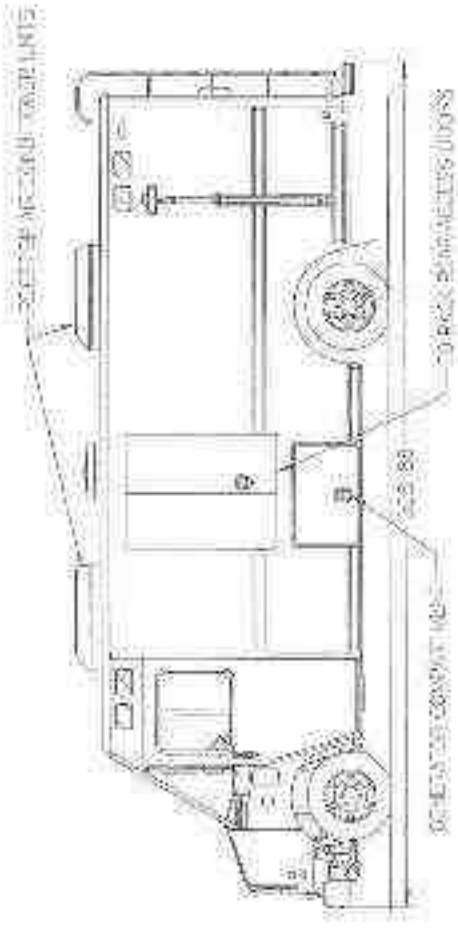
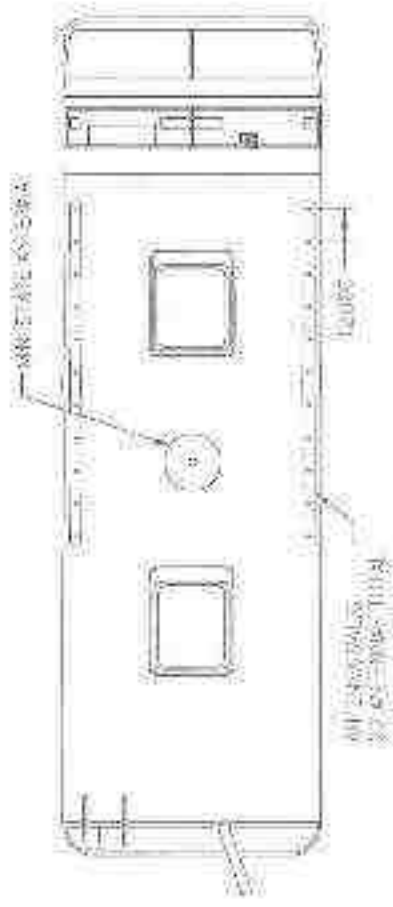
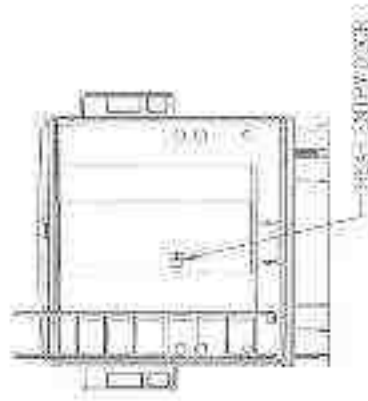
C: Clerk to Council

Approved Budget Guidance amount for bid items - see below
Budget Code - see below

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge
this explanation of bids to be correct.

Robert J. ...
Procurement Director

| Bidders | Bickford Vehicles | Frontline Communications | LDV, Inc. | |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--|
| Address | Chantilly, VA | Clearwater, FL | Burlington, WI | |
| Submitted Proposal | yes | yes | no | |
| Base Bid | 77,651.00 | 89,483.75 | | |
| Recording System | 19,450.00 | 8,508.00 | | |
| Telephone System | 13,078.00 | 10,330.00 | | |
| Satellite Mount | 2,435.00 | not included | | |
| Install and wire County-supplied light bar | 425.00 | not included | | |
| Tone Pad | 750.00 | not included | | |
| Subtotal | 113,789.00 | 110,770.75 | | |
| Sales Tax on approx \$28,444.00 (5% June 1, 2007) | 2,306.64 | | | |
| TOTAL | 116,095.64 | | | |
| Performance Bond - New Pricing | 3,106.00 | 750.00 | | |
| | | Non-Responsive | | |
| Budget Code | Approved Budget | | | |
| 010-101-50870-50034 | 13,800.00 | | | |
| 010-104-50840-00000 | 16,500.00 | | | |
| 012-104-50840-19050 | 40,000.00 | | | |
| 013-101-60401-00000 (State) | 5,795.64 | | | |
| 013-101-60401-00155 (Federal) | 40,000.00 | | | |
| Total Funds Available | 116,095.64 | | | |



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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 5/15/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Second Reading of Ordinance 2007-06, "OCONEE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACCESS ORDINANCE"

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Building & Fire Codes require a series of minimum fire protection measures, including fire hydrants, exterior water hook-ups, and designated fire access lanes. Unfortunately, many people ignore the signs and notices designed to keep a clear path for emergency responders. As Oconee County grows and develops, it is likely that blocking access to fire hydrants, obstructing fire lanes, parking in fire station driveways and other potentially life-threatening acts will become increasingly common. To reverse this trend, and help emergency responders in their efforts to protect the lives and property of all Oconee County citizens, it is necessary to take steps to discourage those that ignore or alter designated access lanes by imposing penalties.

CONSIDERATION OR CONCERNS:

The ordinance is written to allow Oconee County Code Officers, Rural Fire Officials and the Oconee County Sheriff's Department to enforce the regulations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff recommends Council consider adoption of this ordinance on second reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Ordinance

Submitted or Prepared By:

Opal O. Green
Department Head

Reviewed By/Initials:

_____ Finance

_____ Attorney

_____ N/A _____ Other

Approved for Submittal to Council


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

**OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2007-06
EMERGENCY RESPONSE EQUIPMENT ACCESS ORDINANCE
OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

SECTION 1. - NAME

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Emergency Response Equipment Access Ordinance of Oconee County, South Carolina."

SECTION 2. - PURPOSE

Whereas, the Oconee County Council is aware that a number of individuals park in designated fire lanes, block fire station driveways, and otherwise impede access to equipment utilized by emergency responders in the performance of their duties; and

Whereas, impairing access to fire hydrants and other apparatus utilized by emergency responders threatens both the citizens of Oconee County and their property; and

Whereas, obstructing, damaging, or otherwise altering designated fire lanes in a manner inconsistent with adopted fire and building codes potentially limits or prohibits access to structures by emergency responders; and

Whereas, parking vehicles or leaving unattended objects within the travel lanes utilized by fire trucks slows or potentially halts emergency responses;

Therefore, it is the purpose of this Ordinance to establish regulations minimizing potential negative impacts resulting from limiting access to emergency response equipment in the unincorporated areas of Oconee County; and to establish penalties such as are necessary to discourage the violations of these standards.

SECTION 3. - AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code 1976 §44-30. Personnel employed by the County Administrator as Rural Fire Chief, Deputy Rural Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, and personnel employed by the Sheriff of Oconee County, shall be vested with the authority to enforce and administer these regulations within the county in accordance with the provisions of S.C. Code 1976 § 44-67-10 et. seq. and all rules and regulations adopted hereunder and the same are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth verbatim and as may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 4. - DEFINITIONS

Dry Hydrant- A non-pressurized device designed to allow emergency responders to draft surface water (ponds, streams, lakes, etc.) in areas lacking fire hydrants.

Fire Department Connections- Any outside auxiliary connection used by emergency responders to supplement the existing fire suppression system within a building by increasing the amount of water and pressure available to the existing fire suppression system.

Fire Lane- An area near or adjacent to a structure designated for use by emergency personnel during fires and other emergencies. Such areas may be delineated by signs, painted curbing, pavement striping, or other methods approved by adopted fire codes.

Fire Hydrant- Any fixture connected to a public or private water system designated for use as a water source by emergency responders in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 5. - REGULATIONS

- 1) No motor vehicle, mechanical device, or other object shall be situated so as to obstruct any designated fire lane at any time. Equipment and supplies being used in ongoing construction and maintenance of the structure for which the fire lane serves may be placed in the designated area while being actively utilized, but shall not be left unattended or stored there. In no event shall any activity occurring within the area of a fire lane obstruct emergency access to the interior of a structure.
- 2) No motor vehicle, mechanical device, or other object shall be situated so as to obstruct access to a properly identified fire or dry hydrant. In the event no dedicated emergency access area is delineated, a clearance of twenty (20) feet shall be maintained on all sides of the hydrant, with an unobstructed path of travel from the nearest roadway access available to emergency vehicles.
- 3) No motor vehicle, mechanical device, or other object shall be situated so as to obstruct the free passage of emergency vehicles into and out of fire stations, rescue squad stations, or other emergency facilities used to house emergency vehicles. In the event no dedicated 'no parking zone' is delineated, a clear path of travel twenty (20) feet wide in the most direct manner possible shall be maintained between all vehicle access doors and the public road utilized by responders.
- 4) No motor vehicle, mechanical device, or other object shall be situated so as to obstruct any fire department connections. In the event that no area is delineated for providing access, a clearance of three feet shall be maintained along the sides of the building, provided that the approach to the fire department connection remains clear of any obstacle.

- 5) All fire department connections, fire hydrants, fire lanes, and clearance areas shall be appropriately signed or delineated according to the standards set forth in adopted fire code. Failure to comply with the appropriate signage or delineation shall be considered a violation by the owner of the property upon which the hydrant, fire lane, connections, or other device is located.

SECTION 6. - PENALTIES

- 1) Any person or entity violating the regulations set forth in Section 5 above is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined up to Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars or imprisoned for thirty (30) days or both. In addition, a vehicle placed within a fire lane or no parking zone may be towed at the owner's expense. In the event that a vehicle is towed as a result of this Ordinance, the owner of the vehicle shall have no civil remedy against Oconee County for any damage to the vehicle or any other damage that may result from the towing and impoundment of the vehicle. In the event that a vehicle is towed, the owner of the vehicle will be responsible for any impoundment fees charges as a result of the impoundment of the vehicle.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 5/15/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Second Reading of Ordinance 2007-07, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OCONEE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION DEPARTMENT".

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for emergency management, rescue, fire and HAZMAT through one department pursuant to the County's general police powers to provide for the public health and welfare of the residents of Oconee County and specifically pursuant to Article 8, Section 7 of the South Carolina Constitution and Sections 4-9-25, 4-9-30, and 4-21-10 et. seq of the SC Code of Laws, 1976.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The County Council shall be responsible for meeting the problems and dangers to the County and its residents resulting from disasters of any origin and upon a declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of South Carolina.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Staff recommends Council consider adoption of this ordinance on second reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There will be millage set aside for fire protection in upcoming fiscal years.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Ordinance 2007-07
Submitted or Prepared By:

Opal O. Green

Reviewed by/initials:

_____:County Attorney

Approved for Submittal to Council:



Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

_____:Finance

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

ORDINANCE 2007- _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OCONEE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Oconee County Council recognizes the need for Oconee County to provide Emergency Services Protection (Fire, Rescue and HAZMAT) to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the demographics of Oconee County have changed dramatically since the rural fire system was implemented over forty years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Oconee County Council believes that increased County involvement in Emergency Services Protection is necessary in order to improve Emergency Services county wide; and

WHEREAS, the Oconee County Council believes that Emergency Services needs to be more effective, efficient and progressive without the duplication of services;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY COUNCIL, DULY ASSEMBLED AND VOTING, WITH QUORUM PRESENT, AND UPON THIRD AND FINAL READING, the following:

1. Establishment of the Oconee County Emergency Services Department

The Oconee County Emergency Services Department is hereby established. The Oconee County Emergency Services Department will be comprised of the following divisions: Emergency Management, Rescue, Fire and HAZMAT. The protection area for this department will be the areas located within the unincorporated areas of Oconee County and those areas within the municipalities that the County and the municipality have agreed for the County to provide a specific service. The Emergency Services Department shall provide a comprehensive and progressive Emergency Services protection system. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to County's general police powers to provide for the public health and welfare of the residents of Oconee County and specifically pursuant to Article 8, Section 17 of the South Carolina Constitution and Sections 4-9-25, 4-9-30 and 4-21-10 et. seq. of the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976.

II. Definitions

For purposes of this ordinance, the following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed to them in this section.

- (1) **Attack** – means a direct assault against the County, or any part of the State, by forces of a hostile nation, including assault by bombing, chemical or biological warfare, or sabotage.
- (2) **City** – means the cities of Salem, Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster and West Union.
- (3) **Council or County Council** – means the County Council of Oconee County, S.C.
- (4) **County** – means Oconee County, S.C.
- (5) **Emergency Management** – shall have a broad meaning and shall include preparations against, and relief from, the effects of attack on the County or any part of the State, by the forces of any enemy nation, and it shall also include such activity in connection with natural disaster as defined herein. It shall not include any activity that is the responsibility of the military forces of the United States.
- (6) **Emergency Management Director** – means the Director of the Emergency Management Division.
- (7) **Emergency Services** – means offices, stations, equipment and personnel of County Emergency Management, Fire, Rescue and HAZMAT.
- (8) **Emergency Services Director** – means the Director of the Emergency Services Department.
- (9) **Emergency Services District** – means the first response area of a specific Emergency Services Station.
- (10) **Emergency Services Protection Area** – means the unincorporated areas of Oconee County, S.C. and those areas within a municipality where the County and the municipality have agreed for the County to provide a specific service.
- (11) **Natural Disaster** – means any condition seriously threatening public health, welfare or security as a result of a severe fire, explosion, flood, tornado, hurricane, earthquake or similar natural or accidental cause and which is beyond the control of public or private agencies ordinarily responsible for the relief of such conditions.
- (12) **State of Emergency** – shall exist when declared by the Governor of the State of South Carolina, or the President of the United States.

(13) Unincorporated Area – means the areas of Oconee County located outside the corporate limits of the municipalities of Oconee County, S.C.

(14) Volunteer – means contributing service, equipment or facilities to the Emergency Management Department without remuneration or without formal agreement or contract of hire. While engaged in such services, they shall have the same immunities as persons and/or employees of the County performing similar duties.

III. Organization

A. The County Administrator shall hire an Emergency Services Director. The County Administrator and the Emergency Services Director shall establish a Chain of Command for the Emergency Management Division, Fire Division, Rescue Division and Hazmat Division.

B. The County Administrator and Emergency Services Director shall establish rules, regulations and standards for each division of the Emergency Services Department and shall implement said rules, regulations and standards within each division.

C. The County Administrator and Emergency Services Director shall develop guidelines adequate to require future public water systems installed in Oconee County to provide sufficient water pressure and devices for fire protection and to recommend to Council such ordinances as may be necessary to enforce said guidelines.

IV. Codes

The Standard Fire Protection Code, 2006 edition, is hereby adopted by County Council as its fire protection code for use in the Emergency Protection Area of Oconee County, South Carolina.

V. Repeal of Prior County Ordinances

Oconee County Ordinance No. 2006 _____, an ordinance establishing the Oconee County Rural Fire Commission is hereby repealed.

Oconee County Ordinance No. 80-9, an ordinance establishing the Oconee County Emergency Preparedness Commission is hereby repealed.

Oconee County Ordinance No. 80-13, an ordinance creating the Oconee County Emergency Preparedness Agency is hereby repealed.

VI. Emergency Management Division

A. Administrative Procedures

Section 1. There is hereby created the position of Emergency Management Director, who shall be responsible for directing the day-to-day operations of the Emergency Management Division and coordinating the activities of various county and municipal governments during a period of disaster. The Emergency Management Director shall be hired by the County Administrator. The Emergency Management Director shall be empowered and required to coordinate and render assistance to County and City Officials in the development of plans for the use of all facilities, equipment, manpower and other resources of the City and County for the purpose of minimizing or preventing damage to persons or property in disaster situations. City and County personnel shall include in such plans the restoration of governmental services and public utilities necessary for public health, safety and welfare. The Emergency Management Director shall further direct the efforts of the Emergency Management Division in the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 2. All County and City officials and employees of the County, together with those volunteer forces enrolled to aid them during a disaster and persons who may by agreement or operation of law be charged with duties incident to the protection of life and property in the County during times of disaster, shall constitute the Emergency Management Division.

Section 3. The County Council shall be responsible for meeting the problems and dangers to the County and its residents resulting from disasters of any origin and upon a declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of South Carolina, the County Council may issue proclamations and regulations concerning disaster relief and related matters which, during such an emergency situation, shall have the full force and effect of law.

A state of disaster emergency may be declared by the Governor of the State of South Carolina if he finds a disaster has occurred or that a threat thereof is imminent and extraordinary emergency measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing or anticipated situation. Once declared, the state of emergency shall continue until terminated by proclamation of the Governor of the State of South Carolina.

In addition to any other powers conferred by law, when a state of emergency has been declared by the Governor of the State of South Carolina, in cooperation with the State Emergency Preparedness Agency, the County Council may, under the provisions of this Act, authorize the following:

a) The suspension of existing laws and regulations prescribing the procedures for conduct of County business if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with an emergency;

b) The utilization of all available resources of County government as reasonably necessary to cope with a disaster emergency;

- c) The transfer of the direction, personnel or functions of County departments and agencies or units thereof for purpose of facilitating or performing emergency services as necessary or desirable;
- d) Action to compel performance by elected and appointed County government officials and employees of the duties and functions assigned in the County Disaster Plan;
- e) Contract, requisition and compensate for goods and services from private sources;
- f) Warn and advise for evacuation of all or parts of the population from any stricken or threatened area within the County, if such action is deemed necessary for preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response or recovery;
- g) Prescribe routes, modes of transportation and destinations in connection with evacuations;
- h) The control of ingress and egress to and from a disaster area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises threatened;
- i) The suspension or limitation upon the sale, dispensing or transportation of alcoholic beverages, firearms, explosives and combustibles;
- j) The making of provision for the availability and use of temporary housing;
- k) The suspension or limitation of non-emergency activities and the prohibition of public assemblies including the imposition of a curfew.

B. Emergency Management Director

Section 1. The Emergency Management Director shall maintain liaison with the State and Federal authorities, and the authorities of other nearby political subdivisions, so as to insure the most effective operation of the Emergency Plan.

Section 2. His/Her duties shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- a) Development and publication of Emergency Plans in conformity with State Emergency Plans for the immediate use of all of the facilities, equipment, manpower, and other resources of the County for the purpose of minimizing or preventing damage to persons or property, and protecting and restoring to usefulness governmental services and public utilities necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare.

b) Control and necessary record-keeping for civil defense funds and property which may be made available from Federal, State, County and Municipal governments.

c) Submission of annual budget requirements to the State and Federal government and to the County Council.

d) Signing such documents as are necessary in the administration of the County Disaster Preparedness Program to include project applications and billing for purchases under project applications.

e) Through public information programs, educating the civil population as to the actions necessary and required for the protection of their persons and property in case of enemy attack, or natural disaster.

f) Conducting simulated exercises and public practice alerts to insure efficient operations of the Emergency Management Division and to familiarize residents of the County with civil defense regulations, procedures, and operations.

g) Coordinating the activity of all other public and private agencies engaged in any emergency preparedness program.

h) Coordinate in conjunction with the Department of Social Services in negotiation with owners or persons in control of buildings or other property for the use of such buildings or property for civil defense purposes, and designating suitable buildings as public fallout shelters.

i) Coordinate in conjunction with the Department of Social Services in the development of a Community Shelter plan, which will have as its ultimate goal an assigned fallout shelter space for every citizen of the County.

j) Assume such authority and conduct such activity as may be necessary to promote and execute the Emergency Operations Plan.

C. Jurisdiction

Section 1. All employees of departments, commissions, boards, institutions, and other agencies of the County, designated as Civil Emergency Forces, shall cooperate with the Coordinator in formulation of the County Emergency Operations Plan, and shall comply with the orders of the Emergency Management Director when such orders are issued pursuant the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 2. All such Civil Emergency Forces shall notify the Emergency Management Director of conditions in the County resulting from enemy attack or natural disaster, and they shall inform the Emergency Management Director of any conditions threatening to reach the proportions of a natural disaster as defined herein. Failure to

notify the Emergency Management Director, however, shall not prevent the Emergency Management Director from exercising any authority assigned to him/her by this Ordinance.

Section 3. The Emergency Management Director may at any time appoint or authorize the appointment of volunteer citizens to augment the personnel of a department in time of civil emergency. Such volunteer citizens shall be enrolled as civil emergency volunteers in cooperation with the heads of the county departments affected, and they shall be subject to the rules and regulations set forth by the Emergency Management Director for such volunteers.

Section 4. The Emergency Management Director may appoint volunteer citizens to form the personnel of a Civil Emergency Service for which the County has no counterpart. He/she may also appoint volunteer citizens as Public Shelter Managers who, when directed by the Emergency Management Director shall open public shelters and take charge of all stocks of food, water, and other supplies and equipment stored in the shelter, admit the public according to the Community Shelter Plan and take whatever control measures are necessary for the protection and safety of the occupants.

Section 5. County and Municipal employees assigned to duty as a part of the Civil Emergency Forces pursuant to the provision of this Act shall retain all the rights, privileges, and immunities of employees, and shall receive the compensation incident to their employment.

D. Enforcement and Penalties

Section 1. This Ordinance is an exercise by the County of its governmental functions for the protection of the public peace, health, and safety, and the County or Agents and Representatives of the County, or any individual, receiver firm, partnership, corporation, association, or trustee, or any of the agents, thereof in good faith carrying out, complying with, or attempting to comply with any order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall not be liable for any damage sustained to persons or property as a result of such activity.

Section 2. Any person owning or controlling real estate or other premises who voluntarily and without compensation grants the County the right to inspect, designate, and use the whole or any part or parts of such real estate or premises for the purposes of sheltering persons during an actual, impending, or threatened enemy attack or during an authorized civil emergency practice exercise, shall not be civilly liable for the death of, or injury to, any person on or about such real estate or premises under such license, privilege, or other permission, or for the loss of, damage, to, the property of such person.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations issued pursuant to the authority contained herein, or to willfully obstruct, hinder, or delay any member of the Civil Emergency Organization in

the enforcement of the provisions of this Act or any regulation issued thereunder. Any violation of this section shall be considered as a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 (Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars) or confinement of not more than thirty (30) days.

APPROVED on FIRST READING this ___ day of ___, 2007, by a vote of:

___ YES ___ NO

OPAL O. GREEN, COUNCIL CLERK

APPROVED on SECOND READING this ___ day of ___, 2007, by a vote of:

___ YES ___ NO

OPAL O. GREEN, COUNCIL CLERK

APPROVED on THIRD READING this ___ day of ___, 2007, by a vote of:

___ YES ___ NO

Xxxxx, Chairman
Oconee County Council

Attest:

OPAL O. GREEN, CLERK

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 5/15/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Second Reading of Ordinance 2007-08, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OCONEE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION"

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish an Oconee County Special Tax District for emergency services protection pursuant to the general police powers of County Council to provide for the public health and welfare of the citizens of Oconee County pursuant to Article 8, Section 17 of the South Carolina Constitution in Section 4-9-30 (5), 4-9-30 (14) and 4-21-210 et Seq. of the SC Code of Laws, 1976.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

This ordinance provides for training of all personnel to insure the safest and most effective response and so that all equipment can be utilized for the best interests of the Emergency Service Protection Area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 2007-08 on second reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

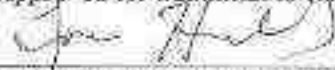
This ordinance directs the County Auditor to levy annually millage as determined by Council from year to year to be necessary for buildings, maintenance equipment and operations of a comprehensive and progressive Emergency Services protection plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Ordinance 2007-08
Submitted or Prepared By:

Opal O. Green
Department Head

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tomi Hendricks, Administrator

Reviewed By/Initials:

_____ : County Attorney

_____ : Finance

_____ : N/A : Procurement

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

ORDINANCE 2007-_____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OCONEE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION.

WHEREAS, the Oconee County Council recognizes the need for Oconee County to provide Emergency Services Protection, including, but not limited to, fire protection, rescue squads, and Hazmat services, to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Oconee County Council believes that increased County involvement in Emergency Services Protection is necessary in order to improve Emergency Services county wide; and

WHEREAS, the Oconee County Council believes that a supplemental funding source is needed to provide additional funding for these services,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY COUNCIL, DUTY ASSEMBLED AND VOTING, WITH QUORUM PRESENT, AND UPON THIRD AND FINAL READING, the following:

1. Establishment of a Special Tax District for Emergency Services Protection.

The Oconee County Special Tax District for Emergency Services Protection is hereby established. There shall be levied annually by the Auditor of Oconee County and collected by the Treasurer of Oconee County an ad-valorem tax on all taxable property located within the unincorporated areas of Oconee County in an amount as determined by County Council from year to year to be necessary for buildings, maintenance, equipment and operations of a comprehensive and progressive Emergency Services protection system for the ensuing fiscal year. All monies collected by the Treasurer of Oconee County pursuant to the authorization contained herein shall be used solely for the purpose of buildings, maintenance and operations of fire protection services, rescue squad services and Hazmat services in the Emergency Services Protection Area. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to County Council's general police powers to provide for the public health and welfare of the residents of Oconee County and specifically pursuant to Article 8, Section 17 of the South Carolina Constitution in Section 4-9-30 (5), 4-9-30 (14) and 4-21-10 et. Seq. of the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976.

II. Definitions

For purposes of this ordinance, the following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed to them in this section.

(1) Council or County Council – means the County Council of Oconee County, S.C.

(2) County – means Oconee County, S.C.

(3) Emergency Services District – means the first response area of a specific Emergency Services Station.

(4) Emergency Services Protection Area – means the unincorporated areas of Oconee County, S.C. and those areas inside municipalities of Oconee County where the County and municipality have agreed for the County to provide a specific Emergency Service.

(5) Emergency Services Protection System – means the fire protection, rescue services and Hazard Services.

(6) Unincorporated Area – means the areas of Oconee County located outside the corporate limits of the municipalities of Oconee County, S.C.

III. Powers of County Council of Oconee County.

The Oconee County Council, shall be empowered as follows:

(1) To establish, operate and maintain a system of Emergency Services Protection within the Emergency Services Protection Area.

(2) To buy such firefighting and rescue equipment as it deems necessary for responding to fires and rescue incidents within the Emergency Services Protection Area.

(3) To select sites for construction of necessary facilities to house equipment and personnel authorized herein to provide an adequate Emergency Services protection system, including replacing any existing facilities as needed.

(4) To authorize the County Administrator to employ (hire or appoint) an Officer to direct and lead the Emergency Services Department and such other personnel that are required. The County Administrator shall provide a budget in which the compensation of the Officers and employees are to be set.

(5) To provide for the training of all personnel to insure the safest and most effective response and so that all equipment can be utilized for the best interests of the Emergency Service Protection Area.

(6) To be responsible for the purchase, acquisition, upkeep, maintenance and repairs of all Emergency Services equipment, station and the sites thereof.

(7) To promulgate such rules and regulations as it may deem proper and necessary to ensure the equipment and facilities are being used to the best advantage to the County and to carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

(8) To place into effect and revise by resolution, wherever it wishes or maybe required, a schedule of rates or charges for furnishing special protection needs for a specific area.

(9) To effect a levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in an amount to be determined by Council upon all taxable property within the unincorporated areas of Oconee County in order to defray the expenses incurred by the County in providing these services and to effect the payment of principal and interest of all bonds issued as needed for the maintenance and operations of the Emergency Services Protection system.

(10) To enter into any contract necessary for providing Emergency Services protection within the Emergency Services Protection Area.

(11) To exercise any and all of the powers necessary for operating and maintaining a system of Emergency Services protection.

APPROVED on FIRST READING this ___ day of _____, 2007, by a vote of:

____ YES

____ NO

OPAL O. GREEN, COUNCIL CLERK

APPROVED on SECOND READING this ___ day of _____, 2007, by a vote of:

____ YES

____ NO

OPAL O. GREEN, COUNCIL CLERK

APPROVED on THIRD READING this ___ day of _____, 2007, by a vote of:

____ YES

____ NO

Xxxxx, Chairman
Oconee County Council

Attest:

OPAL O. GREEN, CLERK

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNTY MEETING DATE: 5/15/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Second Reading of Ordinance 2007-05, "THE 2007-08 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY & TRI COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE"

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 50-20-40, Oconee County is required to increase the Maintenance of Effort for the School District of Oconee County.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The increase required by inflation by RIA maintenance of effort formula for the 2007-08 fiscal year is \$2,321,155.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Staff recommends that Council proceed with second reading of Ordinance 2007-05 which will fully fund the maintenance of effort as required by the South Carolina Code of Laws 50-20-40 for the School District and will fund the requested amount by Tri-County Technical College.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Revised Fiscal Year 2006-07 Tax Levy for School District | \$50,459,900 |
| Proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Tax Levy for School District | \$52,781,055 |
| Difference (equals maintenance of effort increase) | \$ 2,321,155 |

This ordinance also funds Tri-County Technical College in the amount of \$ 912,966

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Ordinance & School District of Oconee County Preliminary Budget Projection
Submitted or Prepared By: _____ Approved for submittal to Council: _____

Opal O. Green
Department Head


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/Initials:

_____ : County Attorney

_____ : Finance

_____ n/a : Other

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2007-05**

**"THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE
FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY AND TRI-COUNTY
TECHNICAL COLLEGE."**

Section I: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the levy of taxes and to make appropriations in Oconee County for the School District of Oconee County and Tri-County Technical College; to provide for appropriations beginning July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; to provide for the tax millage for School operational, capital, and debt purposes and Tri-County Technical College operational purposes.

Section II: SC State Law Provisions

Pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws § 59-20-40, Oconee County is required to increase the Maintenance of Effort in the amount of \$2,321,155 for the School District of Oconee County.

Section III: 2007-2008 Budget

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| School Operations: | \$ 552,781,055 |
| 1998 School Bond: | \$ |
| 2001 School Bond: | \$ |
| 2003 School Bond: | \$ |
| 2004 School Bond: | \$ |
| 2005 School Bond: | \$ |
| 2006 School Bond: | \$ |
| TOTAL SCHOOLS: | \$ tbd |

TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tri-County Tech. Operations: | \$ 912,966 |
| TOTAL TRI-COUNTY TECH.: | \$ 912,966 |

GRAND TOTAL SCHOOLS AND TRI-COUNTY TECH. \$ tbd

APPROVED & ADOPTED on first reading in title only this 1stth day of May 2007 by a vote of
YES () to NO ()

Opal O. Green
Council Clerk

1st Reading in title only
2nd Reading:
Public Hearing:
3rd Reading:

May 1, 2007
May 15, 2007 Proposed
June 5, 2007 Proposed
June 5, 2007 Proposed

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OGDEN COUNTY
 FY2007-2008 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

BUDGET PROJECTION

May 15, 2007

| Category | FY2007 REVISED | PROJECTED CHANGE | FY2008 PROPOSED | Comments |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|
| REVENUE | | | | |
| 1 Local Taxes | 43,939,105 | (8,307,860) | 35,631,245 | FY07 approved original budget ordinance, less State tax-seller's increase required by inflation by EJA, maintenance of effort formula (i.e. MOE), 4.6% from the Dept. of Revenue (property tax rollback, homestead exemption, manufacturer's inventory, etc.) Increased for newly enacted residential exemption shifted from local taxes to sales tax. |
| 2 Maintenance of effort formula | | 2,321,155 | 2,321,155 | |
| 3 State Tax Rebates | 6,520,035 | 8,307,860 | 14,828,395 | |
| 4 Total Tax Levy | 50,459,900 | 2,321,155 | 52,781,055 | Increased due to maintenance of effort using 4.6% inflation factor. |
| 5 STATE REVENUE IN GENERAL FUND | 28,227,138 | (108,193) | 28,118,945 | Estimated net decrease based on House Ways & Means committee projections. |
| c. Other local sources | 1,174,962 | (74,962) | 1,100,000 | Decreased due to discontinuation of MAPPS program. |
| 7 TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE | 77,862,000 | 2,138,000 | 80,000,000 | PRIOR YEAR ORDINANCE INCREASED FOR MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT ONLY |
| a. SALARY AND FRINGE EXPENDITURES | 68,716,046 | 1,146,355 | 67,862,400 | |
| a. OPERATING EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| 1 Allocated accounts | 1,585,157 | (169,338) | 1,395,819 | Budgeted by formula applied to projected enrollment and staff for FY08. |
| 2 Technology fund | 582,020 | 18,980 | 471,000 | Allocated to schools only for technology. |
| 3 Operating expenses | \$3,399,826 | - | 5,398,826 | Based on history. |
| 4 Utilities/Phone/Energy | 2,807,950 | 110,950 | 2,912,000 | Projected increase of 4% over current budget based on trends data. |
| 5 Fund for school buses (Capital Improvements) | 840,680 | (383,890) | 266,788 | Annual amount provided for major buses to schools. |
| 6 Other transfers between funds | 1,337,520 | (700,000) | 637,320 | Reduced for one-time transfer for nursing lab in FY07. |
| 7 Special requests | | 1,054,845 | 1,084,845 | |
| 7-1 SUBTOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES | 12,126,955 | (16,845) | 12,137,600 | |
| 7-2 TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES | 78,843,000 | 1,157,000 | 80,000,000 | |
| 7-3 PROJECTED DEFICIT | (981,000) | | | |